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Is The Soul Conscious after The Death of The Body

By testimony of the New Testament verses it is made clear that man's conscious existence is endless.

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose (Matthew 27:52).

Please notice how the Holy Spirit says that the "bodies" slept. Jesus said: Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep . . .

Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead (John 11:11, 14).

Death to our Lord was never anything more than sleep. It is a figure of speech that the Bible applies, for there is never a pause in our consciousness. It was the body of Lazarus that was dead. It was his body that Martha said "stinketh: for he hath been dead four days." When Jesus said plainly that Lazarus was dead, He could mean only his body, for when He added: "I go, that I may awake Him out of sleep," He did this by raising the body of Lazarus from death and the grave.

We read in verse forty-four: "And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes." The part of Lazarus that was dead was that part of him that was bound "hand and foot, and his face." Since the soul of man never dies, and the soul is as much a part of man as is his body, then we may say that the dead are alive.

This writer became convinced that there was never a pause in man's consciousness while thinking upon the last words of dying men. Think for a moment of our Lord's last words as He hung dying upon the Cross. He said: "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, He gave up the ghost" (Luke 23:46).

Only a little over three decades before, Christ had come from the presence of the Father, His spirit having taken its abode in the body prepared by God in the womb of the Virgin. He came to bring life and immortality to light through His Gospel. He came, not to bring immortality, but to reveal it and to show man that he could have everlasting life. By finishing His task He fulfilled every demand of God's righteous law. He offered His life a ransom for sin, and then departed this life. Jesus knew that His Father was watching, listening eagerly and intently; so with every confidence He spoke to the Father with the consciousness that His task was well done. Then His words, "Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit," is the doctrine of immortality. Here Christ is teaching the world the survival of the spiritual part of man after his physical body has died.

Death to Jesus was but a passage into the presence of God, not a cold unconscious condition. He knew all about life and death, and He left us with divine assurance that only the body dies. The spirit continues to exist in a conscious state. Another of our Lord's last words from the Cross proves that death touches only the physical part of man. Let us give consideration to the man hanging on the cross next to the Lord Jesus.

This man had not joined the jeering mob, but instead he acknowledged Christ in the face of the Roman opposition. With a contrite spirit and simple faith he said: "Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom" (Luke 23:42). The world shall never forget the words which Jesus answered the dying thief.

With the soul of this criminal at the very portals of Hell, the dying Saviour said to the dying sinner: "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." They were killing his body to be sure, but Jesus promised him that there would be no time of waiting, no pause of sleep or unconsciousness of the soul. Jesus assured him that before that very day had come to a close, he would still be alive and with Christ in Paradise.

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Prayer Requests

Dick Coriell (Rick's Dad) Please keep him and his family in your prayers. He is suffering with multiple health problems.

Esther & Gene Crisp Please keep them in your prayers.

Christi Davis (Tamara Harris Sister) Please be praying for her to have better health.

Julie Davis (Gahms Market) Recently diagnosed with leukemia. Please pray for her.

Isaiah Dresback Prayers of Thanks to God for his partial recovery so far.

PJ Glauder He was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please be praying for him.

Kim Glispie (Gary's Sister) Please continue to pray for God's healing for her.

Jeff Hayward Please continue prayers for him.

Peggy Hollback Please continue praying she will be blessed with better health.

Scott Lindeman Please continue prayers for his recovery.

Frelon Sparks Sr. Please pray for God's healing, for strength, comfort and peace to surround him and his family.

Tania Sizemore Please be praying for this young lady 26 years old just diagnosed with breast cancer.

Tim Tackett (Friend of Tamara Harris) Please be praying for his healing of lung cancer.

Michelle Voglesong (Tamara's Niece) Going through cancer treatments. Please pray for her treatment to be successful

Esther & Gene Crisp Randall Res. Rm. #123
Sarah Gilliland Hillview Room L306
Helen Hayward Homebound

Elders Monthly Prayer Meeting August 25

Please let them know if you have
a prayer request



Ladies - To Dresbach Farm Aug.26, 6:00pm
King's Island Trip - Sept 5
Friends & Family Day Sept 11 @ Noble Farm
Men's Leadership Retreat - Sept. 23 & 24
(Round Lake)

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests
Thank you for coming. Please come back!

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the **Welcome Center**. You may pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

We Are Glad You Are Here!

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## **KID'S Club**

\*Kids Pre-K - 6th Grade, each  
Wednesday Evening. Kid's Club will be  
the Wednesday Evening Bible class.  
It includes a short & fun video  
reviewing the lesson taught on Sunday.

**Come Join Us!**  
**Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM**

**SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST**  
**We Invite You To Join Us**  
**Sunday Morning 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday Eve. Class 6:00 PM**  
**Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM**

**You may also call 855-565-7670**  
**to hear the lessons by phone.**

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School Is Back In Session. Please keep
all our students and teachers in your
prayers for a safe and happy school year
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**King's Island Trip: Sept. 5 (Monday)**  
**This trip is for anyone that wants to go.**  
**We plan to leave Monday morning at**  
**8:00 am and return by 10:00 pm.**  
**Please sign up in the foyer by Sept .4 so**  
**tickets can be ordered for admission.**

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"Friends and Family Day" is coming up
September 11. We will gather at Noble
Farm for Morning Worship in the Great
Outdoors, afterwards have Lunch and a
Day filled with Fellowship, including the
famous Corn Hole Tournament or enjoy
other activities at the farm.

Lunch and Drinks will be provided.
Please bring a smile, a dessert to share
and your lawn chair.
Invite your family and friends!
Come join us for a wonderful day!
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**If you would like to help with the Minford**  
**Concession Stand on Friday Night**  
**Sept.9, please sign up at the Welcome**  
**Center.**  
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Therefore, my beloved brethren, be
steadfast, immovable, always abounding
in the work of the Lord, knowing that
your labor is not in vain. 1 Cor.15:58

The Ship Came In

The sole survivor of a shipwreck was cast upon an uninhabited Island. After a while he managed to build a crude hut where he placed his "necessities" that he had saved from the sinking ship. He prayed to God for deliverance and anxiously scanned the horizon each day to see if any ship might be passing. One day, upon returning from a hunt for food, he was horrified to find that his hut was going up in flames.

All that he had was gone.

In his sadness and limited vision, to him it was the worst thing that could happen, and he cursed God.

Yet, the very next day a ship arrived.

"We saw your smoke signal" the captain said

-Our commitment to the Lord should never waiver, even in the midst of trial and tribulation; God is committed to us and has said "I will never leave thee or forsake thee"

Hebrews 13:5

The August Item Is **Snack Size Chips**

For Mid Western Children's Home
Thank You So Much For Your Kindness

Family Bible Time

ADULT CLASSES WEEK OF August 21

***Sunday Evening Auditorium**

Don't Give The Enemy a Seat at
Your Table - Louie Giglio - Zach Coriell

***Wednesday Evening Auditorium**

Acts 4 - Jeff Vannatta

***Wednesday Evening Ladies Class**

God is Faithful in Keeping His Word

Please Read: Psalms 119: 1- 56

***Men's Class - James Group- Rm. #8**

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning	08/21/2022	08/28/2022	09/04/2022
Worship Leader	Zach Coriell	Shaun McCray	Jared McCray
Scripture Reading	Eli Cordle	Matthew Risner	Paul Jacobs
Prayer	Derek Miller	Justin Spengler	Shane Mougey
Communion	Mike Gamp	David Deacon	Jason Coriell
Message	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley	Jamie Riley
Announcements //			
Prayer	Shaun McCray	Wayne Gamp	Rich Book
Sunday Evening	08/21/2022	08/28/2022	09/04/2022
Worship Leader	Shaun McCray	Zach Coriell	Jacob Bowe
Communion	Jon Coriell	IsaiahMcQuade	Gabe Coriell



Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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These words of Christ from the Cross manifest the supreme confidence that He had in a place of blissful life immediately after the believer takes his departure from this earth. If we are called away from this earth today, then "today"--not at some distant period--but immediately, on that very day we shall ascend into His presence. The death of the body is the gateway into a fuller and larger life into which the soul passes. There will be no sluggishness nor insensibility after death. The phenomenon of sleep is peculiar to the flesh alone. The soul, the spirit, and the mentality never sleep, and that is why we dream.

In that great study that is called the psychology of dreams, it is conceded that all dreams are the result of past experience. The past experiences may be either mental or physical, but all dreams are predicated upon some past event. When the body succumbs to the influence of sleep, the spirit or soul, in which is resident the consciousness of self, goes off on the amazing events that men call dreams." There is a remarkable power of the subconscious mind even when the body is asleep. The martyrdom of Stephen is a strong argument in favor of the supremacy and the survival of the spiritual part of man. When they stoned Stephen to death, we read that "he fell asleep." This could have no reference whatever to the soul, for it was his body they had pummeled with rocks. As Stephen's body went to its death, earth was receding but Heaven's gate approaching. He knew that he was entering into another sphere of the living. He prayed: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59). This disciple of Christ did not seek to postpone death or to fight it off. His murderers held no fear for him. He remembered the words of Jesus: "Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do" (Luke 12:4).

It is the assurance of immortality and eternal life that enables the servants of Jesus Christ to bear suffering, face all opposition, and die if they are called upon to do so. The scoffing and the scorning of the enemies of Christ can never cheat us out of the presence of our Lord and the place that He has prepared for us.

The Apostle Paul gives us a glimpse into his inner life in an experience that appears only once in all of his writings.

It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell, or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth;) how that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter (2 Corinthians 12:1-4). In this singular but rich experience of Paul's there is valuable material that bears upon our subject. So personal and sacred was this experience that Paul is reluctant to tell. There is no doubt that the mighty Apostle is referring to himself, although he refers to himself in the third person. Fourteen years before the writing of this Epistle, Paul says that he was caught up into the "third heaven," also called "paradise." The Bible speaks of three heavens. There is the atmospheric heaven in which the birds fly, the heaven where the stars shine, and the third heaven, called paradise, where God is and where His glory is set forth. It was into the third heaven, into the presence of God, where the great apostle was taken. If we study the chronology of Paul's journeys and labors we find that a little more than fourteen years before he wrote his Epistle to the Corinthians he was laboring at Lystra (Acts 14:19). There the Jews stoned him and dragged him outside the city supposing he had been dead. It is generally believed that his experience in paradise to which he refers took place at Lystra while he lay unconscious. He tells us that he was so enraptured by the glories that he saw in Heaven that he did not know whether or not he was there in body--"whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth." Do not overlook the teaching here. It is possible to be fully conscious and yet be absent from the body. Such clear and unmistakable teaching as this of the Apostle Paul defies and defeats the theory of "soul-sleep."

There are three accounts of our Lord's raising the dead. Each time He approached the dead and spoke to him as if he were alive. To the son of the widow of Nain He said: "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise" (Luke 7:14). When Christ came to the daughter of Jairus, we are told: "He took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise" (Luke 8:54). Finally, He said to the brother of Mary and Martha: "Lazarus, come forth" (John 11:43). In each case Jesus speaks to the person as if he were alive. We can only answer that each was alive. The body was dead. The man was not dead. No man is ever dead when his body lies dead! The soul of man will never enter into a state of non-existence nor unconsciousness. In Christ's account of the rich man and Lazarus we have the matter summed up and settled that the soul is conscious after death. Both men died and were buried. Though their bodies were in the graves, each of them was alive and conscious. The rich man in Hell could see, hear, speak, and feel (Luke 16:19-31).

Let the unsaved heed God's warning. There is a life after death. The unsaved and the saved will be separated from each other. The lost will doubtless carry with them some memories of the past, and their punishment for rejecting Christ will be endless.

But let the believer take courage and be comforted. When we move out of this tabernacle, our physical body, the real man (his soul) will leave the body and enter into the presence of the Lord.

God Loves You and We Love You Too

Have a wonderful day!